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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Watershed Management Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0265/SA-246)

TO: Sarah Branum - KEW-4  
Fish and Wildlife Project Manager

**Proposed Action:** Pataha Creek Stream & Cropland Restoration – Garfield County Sediment Reduction and Riparian Improvement

**Project No:** 1994-018-07

**Watershed Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement**

**Analysis (See Appendix A of the Watershed Management Program EIS):** 1.8 Bank Protection through Vegetation Management, 2.1 Maintain Healthy Riparian Plant Communities, 2.4 Provide Filter Strips to Catch Sediment and Other Pollutants, 2.14 Enhance Large Woody Debris Recruitment, 3.3 Conservation Tillage, 3.7 Critical Area Planting, 3.9 Grasses and Legumes in Rotation, 3.12 Terracing, 3.16 Grassed Waterway, 5.1 Heavy Use Area Protection, 5.13 Alternative Water Sources, 6.1 Deferred Grazing, 6.2 Planned Grazing System, 6.3 Control Grazing Intensity, 6.4 Pasture and Hayland Management, 6.5 Water Supply: Pipeline, 6.7 Water Supply: Trough, 6.8 Water Supply: Well, 6.9 Water Supply: Spring Development, 6.10 Access: Fencing, 6.18 Heavy Use Area Management.

**Location:** Garfield County, Washington

**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Pomeroy Conservation District

**Description of the Proposed Action:** The Bonneville Power Administration proposes to continue funding sediment reduction and riparian improvement actions in Garfield County, Washington with the Pomeroy Conservation District (as identified above). The goal of this project is to reduce sediment delivery into streams therefore improving and increasing spawning and rearing habitat. The proposed activities will also reduce stream temperatures to levels that will allow additional spawning and rearing in areas of streams that in the past have not been conducive for these activities.

**Analysis:** The compliance checklist for this project was completed by Duane Bartels with the Pomeroy Conservation District (December 22, 2005) and meets the standards and guidelines for the Watershed Management Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed species that may occur in the general vicinity of the proposed work include Chinook salmon and steelhead. The proposed activities were authorized under BPA's Habitat Improvement Program Biological Opinion (HIP BO) on

December 12, 2005. All applicable terms and conditions from the HIP BO will be followed during the implementation of these activities.

The Pomeroy Conservation District has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nez Perce Tribe to complete cultural resource surveys when determined necessary. BPA should be notified if a survey is determined necessary. Copies of all survey findings and subsequent correspondences with the Nez Perce Tribe and the Washington State Historic Preservation Office should be forwarded to BPA. In the unlikely event that cultural and/or historic material is encountered during project implementation, a qualified archaeologist should be notified and work halted in the vicinity of the finds until they can be inspected and assessed.

Standard water quality protection procedures and Best Management Practices will be followed during the implementation of this project. No construction is authorized to begin until the proponent has obtained all applicable local, state, and federal permits and approvals.

Public involvement has occurred as part of the Garfield County project. The proposed activities have been discussed in newspapers, newsletters, annuals meetings, and through personal contact. In addition, partnerships on this project have been formed with the Nez Perce Tribe, the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Findings:** The project is generally consistent with Section 7.6A.2, 7.6B.3, & 7.8E.1, of the Northwest Power Planning Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. This Supplement Analysis finds 1) that the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Watershed Management Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0265) and ROD, and, 2) that there are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

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CONCUR:

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Attachments:  
NEPA Compliance Checklist  
HIP BO Approval Letter, December 22, 2005

cc: (w/ attachments)  
Mr. Duane Bartels - Pomeroy Conservation District